

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 3-12, 18, 23, 24 and 28 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 18 is amended and claims 13-17 and 25-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 24 was rejected on page 4 of the Office Action. Claim 24 was then indicated as allowed on page 5. As claim 24 depends on allowed claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that claim 24 is allowed.

Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 18 is allowable.

Claims 13-17 and 25-27 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable and the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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